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Majority prices were unchanged when compared to last week's prices. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was fair to moderate, instances fairly good where ads were active. Food service was moderate to good with best movement into fast food and restaurants. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair. Breast items and wings were at least adequate and had increased in availability, whereas dark meat was mixed, but generally in good balance. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable, but at times slightly heavier.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 06/02/03-06/06/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)			COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers					
Bos/New Eng	58.00-60.00	59.00	15	61.70	34
Chicago	52.00-55.00	54.99	42	57.32	80
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	58.82	22
Denver	69.50	69.50	16	69.43	19
Detroit	54.00-55.00	55.45	11	58.98	40
Los Angeles	70.00	68.59	58	66.00	148
New York	56.00-59.00	57.26	23	58.18	53
Philadelphia	55.50-58.00	56.27	11	55.75	22
Pittsburgh	56.00-59.00	57.09	11	60.90	58
St. Louis	54.50-54.75	54.27	27	54.77	50
San Francisco	70.50	68.92	31	71.47	54

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	06/01/03	Change/Last Wk	05/27/03	06/02/02
580	61.36	0.03	61.33	58.74

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	59.00-61.00	60.13	32
Central	57.00-62.00	60.17	64
West	60.00-64.00	64.00	46

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	64.00-66.50	64.97	82
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 65.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,122	54.00-67.50	64.39

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	199.50	1,488
BREASTS - B/S	180.00	5,476
BREASTS - WHOLE	101.50	1,963
THIGH MEAT - B/S	74.00	998
LEG QUARTERS	25.00	9,377
WINGS	73.00	3,126

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole/fryers ranged fair to good entering the week. Offerings ranged closely cleared to adequate for current needs with heavier sizes noted in the better balance. Retail and distributive movement was about fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items and wings were available. Leg items were adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the weekend was fair to moderate with mixed trading. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair, with supplies at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last weeks' level. Reported trading was mixed on new negotiations and generally unchanged on regular commitments. Offerings were fully adequate on heavy weight product with sized product in close balance. Buyers' activity was moderate but not as aggressive as anticipated for first-of-the month. Retailer demand was moderate. Dealers reported light carryovers due to delivery delays and moderate otherwise. Trading reported on parts: leg quarters bulk and 4/10s 25-27.5, boneless leg meat 63-68, drumstick low 30s, wings mid 70s, breast bone-in 102-107 and boneless 167-172. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 60.76 down 2.10 with the volume reported down 8 percent from last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were unchanged from Tuesday's final prices and too few to report into Ohio cities. Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were adequate for the light to moderate trade interest. Movement into retail channels was mostly fair, instances fairly good for features. Food service demand was moderate to good, best into restaurants and fast food. Floor stocks adequate to barely adequate, weights mostly desirable. Parts offerings were sufficient with white meat cuts fully available. Buyer interest was mixed. The market tone was steady dark meat items, and unsettled on white meat.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to good and was generally noted as best on the 3.5 and 4.0 sizes. Advance inquiry was often slow in developing, but sellers looked for increased activity once first of the month buyer interest took hold. Offerings were adequate to occasionally short on the heavier weights. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to a bit heavy. Processor schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 57 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Boneless skinless breasts, bone-in breasts and wings were ample. Leg items were in generally good balance.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	56-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	60.20
NO. OF BOXES	8,608

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was mostly fair entering the week as dealers cautiously assess market conditions. Offerings of breast items increased in availability and were more than sufficient for trade needs. Dark meat cuts and wings were at least adequate. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was no better than steady on bone-in breasts; generally steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
	TRADING		AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	175		170.69	461,320
TENDERLOINS	155-160		159.63	126,004
BREAST - WITH RIBS	95-96		100.90	213,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	95		93.74	120,720
LEGS	34-35		35.11	333,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26-27		25.73	410,266
DRUMSTICKS	28-29		32.96	139,910
THIGHS	27-28		34.84	72,790
B/S THIGHS	67-68		72.25	83,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	66-67		73.17	264,460
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.20	33,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30		24.75	10,280
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40		40.94	18,080

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,335	147.00-168.00	159-162	160.20
TENDERLOINS	238	133.00-205.00	-	157.70
BREAST - WITH RIBS	154	104.00-109.00	105-107	105.75
FRONT HALVES	579	70.00-82.00	70-78	72.60
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	813	20.00-23.00	20-21	20.98
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,004	23.00-24.00	24	23.84
WINGS (WHOLE)	721	54.00-79.00	69-73	68.41
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,600	18.00-23.00	-	20.95

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	06/02	05/29	05/29	05/26	05/22
ALA	4,047	4,009	5.18	(A)	5.09
ARK	5,288	5,219	5.01	(A)	4.94
DELMARVA	2,332	2,309	5.23	(A)	5.11
KY-LA-TN	1,955	1,932	4.91	(A)	4.80
MISS	2,808	2,910	5.36	(A)	5.23
NC	2,636	2,613	6.19	(A)	6.27
TEXAS	2,444	2,370	4.79	(A)	4.92
TOTAL	21,510	21,362	5.22	8,784	5.14
MON	21,510(B)			8,784(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Jun 2003 is estimated to be 32,182,000 up 144.15 percent from a week ago and up 1.95 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 13,181,000 last year 31,566,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
				AVG
BREAST - B/S	930	156.00-255.00	159-162	160.22
TENDERLOINS	203	155.00-211.00	155-160	163.18
BREAST - LINE RUN	110	94.00-107.00	95-97	96.95
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	92	28.00-40.00	29-30	30.80
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	643	21.00-23.50	22	22.03
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	960	23.00-28.00	25	25.02
WINGS (WHOLE)	280	73.00-74.50	-	74.26
WINGS (CUT)	414	83.00-92.00	83-85	85.23
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JUNE 02, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
51.50 - 55.25	53.18	53.38

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF JUN 02-06, 2003

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	162.00 - 179.00	162.00 - 172.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	96.00 - 109.00	96.00 - 105.00
LEGS	29.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21.00 - 28.00	23.00 - 25.00
DRUMSTICKS	25.00 - 42.00	-
THIGHS	25.00 - 33.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	52.00 - 81.00	70.00 - 72.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 17.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	82
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	85-89
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	88-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	104-105
DRY PACK	97-99
ICE PACK	
ROASTERS 4# & UP	113
DRY PACK	104-105
ICE PACK	
HENS OVER 5#	91-98
ICE PACK	
DRY PACK	
DUCKS	155-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN 30-MAY-2003
 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.75-18.50	-	520,000	520,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.13			
15-20%				
RANGE	16.50-17.00	11.00-15.50	2,028,000	468,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.78	12.00		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00-14.00	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.20		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Movement of finished product was moderate. Processing schedules were reported as normal. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 02-JUN-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-8.75	8-8.5	8.28
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN 30-MAY-2003
 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00-14.50	12.50-17.00	182,400	-
WTD AVERAGE	14.33	14.17		
15-20%				
RANGE	18.00-20.00	10.50-14.50	1,670,400	-
WTD AVERAGE	18.67	11.82		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Negotiations were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were as desired. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-JUN-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-11	8-8.75	8.53

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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